

BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID T. BUCKALEW

Director of the Joint Staff – West Virginia National Guard

Brigadier General David T. Buckalew is Director of the Joint Staff, West Virginia Joint Force Headquarters. As Director, he is responsible for managing programs and operations for the Joint Staff and overseeing issues that impact the 6,000 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen of the West Virginia National Guard.

General Buckalew began his military career by enlisting in the West Virginia Air National Guard's 130th Airlift Wing in Charleston, West Virginia in Dec 1971. He received his undergraduate degree from West Virginia State University in 1976 and was commissioned in 1983 upon completion of the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science. General Buckalew held a variety of full-time assignments at Wing level and in the State Headquarters. Prior to assuming his current position, General Buckalew was Chief of the Joint Staff, West Virginia National Guard.

EDUCATION:

1976 West Virginia State University, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Accounting, Institute, WV

1983 Academy of Military Science, McGee-Tyson ANGB, TN

1990 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence

1996 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

1999 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Dec 83 – Dec 88, Logistics Plans Officer, 130 Airlift Wing, Charleston, WV

2. Jan 89 – Apr 98, Comptroller, 130th Airlift Wing, Charleston, WV

3. May 98 – Apr 06, Executive Support Staff Officer, Headquarters WVANG, Charleston, WV

4. May 06 – Apr 09, Director of Staff - Air, Headquarters WVANG, Charleston, WV

5. May 09 – Jan 11, Chief of Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Charleston, WV

6. Feb 11 – Present, Director of Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Charleston, WV

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star)

Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass)
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
West Virginia Legion of Merit
West Virginia Achievement Medal
West Virginia Emergency Service Ribbon
West Virginia State Service Ribbon
West Virginia Service Ribbon (with Bronze Star and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
West Virginia Distinguished Unit Award (with Gold Frame and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
West Virginia Minuteman Ribbon

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

National Guard Association of West Virginia (NGAWV)
National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS)
West Virginia National Guard Foundation

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 1 Dec 1983
First Lieutenant 1 Dec 1986
Captain 1 Dec 1988
Major 11 Feb 1993
Lieutenant Colonel 18 Apr 1997
Colonel 21 Mar 2002
Brigadier General 3 October 2011

Current as of: 25 January 2013